



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 18th April 3rd Sunday of Easter



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God of our lives, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for his love of our country, and for his devotion to duty. We entrust him now to your love and mercy, through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

The funeral will be held in St George's Chapel, Windsor on Saturday 17th April, commencing with 1 minute's silence at 3pm.

Flags on Benefice churches will remain flying at half-mast, and bells will be rung half-muffled until after the Funeral.

We cannot currently host physical books of condolence as it is not safe to do so. There are online condolence books here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip> or here: <https://www.royal.uk/>

We are also discouraged from the laying of flowers. A donation to the Duke of Edinburgh Award, to help young people emerge from the lockdown successfully, can be made here: www.dofe.org/donate/.

Face coverings are mandatory, and you should either scan the NHS test and trace QR code or use the sign-in sheets on entering. Hand sanitiser is available and remember to maintain social distancing. Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

Generosity Week 18th – 25th April

Every day we will share Morning Prayer on [Facebook](#), a link to a Podcast on our [website](#), and an “Act of Generosity or Gratitude” for all of us to consider. More information opposite.

Sunday 18th

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew. Holy Communion (BCP).
9:00am C. Beauchamp, St Swithun. Matins (BCP).
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas. Matins (BCP).
9:30am Longcot, St Mary. Morning Prayer.
10:00am Bourton, St James. Holy Communion.
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#). Holy Communion.
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#). Evensong (BCP) with Choir.

Canon Paul Richardson is giving today's sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 9am.

Rev'd Norma Fergusson's sermon for Evensong is available on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 5pm.

Sunday 25th

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary. Holy Communion.
10:00am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#). Holy Communion (BCP).
10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew. Morning Prayer.
10:30am Ashbury, St Mary. Morning Prayer.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Chapel Lane.

Benefice Generosity Week 18th – 25th April 2021

Giving and generosity are inextricably linked with living out the Christian faith. Giving at its core is in the nature of God – and we see this woven throughout the Bible in many guises.

Generosity is not just about giving financially, but also about living a generous life – sharing hospitality, time, attentiveness, and many other attributes. It is about our state of heart, and the relationship we have between material and spiritual things.

In order to think about our own generosity, we must begin by reflecting on the generous nature of God, and how we respond to that with gratitude and grace.

Join us daily at 9:00am on [Facebook](#) for Morning Prayer based on the following themes:

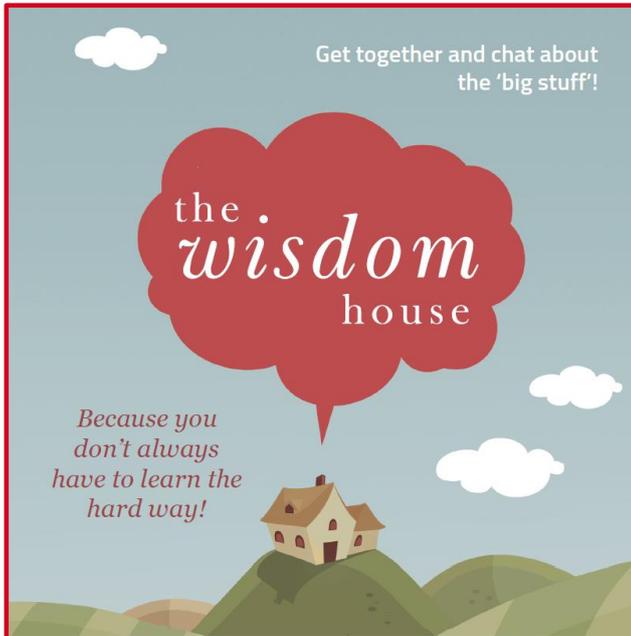
- Sunday 18th: The Gift of Creation
Monday 19th: God's Faithful Provision
Tuesday 20th: By your Side
Wednesday 21st: Generosity of Gift
Thursday 22nd: Giving as Sacrifice
Friday 23rd: Giving as Worship
Saturday 24th: Sharing in Diversity
Sunday 25th: Love in Truth and Action

Click the podcast links on our [website](#) to journey through the Bible with a range of different contributors from across the UK, as they bring experiences from their lives that speak of the generosity of God at work in the world today. Use the podcast to give yourself a bit of space each day to focus on generosity and how you can positively impact the world around you, maybe using the suggested “Acts of Generosity or Gratitude”.

Join Paul via Zoom on Thursday 22nd April at 7:45pm to talk about generosity and gratitude.

Please contact Paul for the Zoom link. associate.vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

The Wisdom House



Often in life we are told that the most important lessons must be learnt the hard way, but does it always have to be like this?

Join us for "The Wisdom House", eight free sessions looking at different aspects of life that affect our relationships and how we respond to people in different life situations.

Each session lasts approximately 75 minutes and includes a short, animated video story, a talk on the weekly topic, a group discussion and a few reflections.

"The Wisdom House" will run online via Zoom at 10:30am on Wednesdays from 21st April to 9th June.

Contact Jane Ahern for the Zoom link.
thestable@protonmail.com

Our churches will be open for private prayer from 11th - 18th April as follows:

Ashbury 10am – 4pm on Thursday
Compton Beauchamp 9am – 5pm daily
Longcot 10am – 3pm on Wednesday
Shrivenham 9am – 5pm daily
and to view the Easter Garden.
Watchfield 10am – 4pm on Wednesday

Auction of Promises

The villagers of Bourton have come together to celebrate generosity by holding an Auction of Promises. Villagers have offered their time and skills in an effort to raise money for St James church. From a forklift truck driving course to a professionally baked cake, from opera singing to gardening - we've discovered that Bourton is not only generous, but talented too! The catalogue of lots is available now and bids can be submitted until 24th April. You can find details on the village website bourton-oxon.org.uk or email us at jbourton6@gmail.com. Happy bidding!



Longcot Village Trust Concerts

St. Mary's Church, Longcot
Saturday 22nd May at 3.30pm and 6.00pm

Two short concerts by the Clarinet Collective, a versatile group of professional clarinetists who also work freelance with some of London's leading orchestras. The programme will feature timeless classics by Mozart, Ravel and Elgar for clarinet sextet alongside popular music from the 20s, 30s and 40s, Gershwin's famous Rhapsody in Blue, some of Glen Miller's greatest hits and a medley of WW2 melodies.

FREE ADMISSION

Donations in aid of the Longcot Village Trust fund to build a community space in St Mary's Church, Longcot.

Due to Covid restrictions seats will be socially distanced and must be reserved in advance. To make your reservation for either concert please email victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

Bereavement Café



Tuesday 20th April at noon in the Vicarage garden (wear something warm!) weather permitting.

An informal get-together for anyone who has been bereaved at any time, hosted by Rose-Anne and Norma. Open to all, regardless of faith or beliefs. Free of charge.

If you would like to know more, please contact Rose-Anne O'Hare
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Shrivenham Open Gardens



Sunday 4th July 2021
Please contact Julian Stevens if you would be willing to open your garden during the afternoon.
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